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MELINDA S. RIECHERT, State Bar No. 65504 08 MAY 15 PM 4: 07 MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS LLP 2 Palo Alto Square COLORA DESTRUCTOR ON ANA 3000 El Camino Real, Suite 700 Palo Alto, CA 94306-2212 Tel: 650.843.4000 Fax: 650.843.4001 DEPUTY Email: mriechert@morganlewis.com ROBERT J. HUDOCK, State Bar No. 208633 MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS LLP 300 South Grand Avenue Twenty-Second Floor Los Angeles, CA 90071-3132 Tel: 213.612.2500 Fax: 213.612.2501 Email: rhudock@morganlewis.com Attorneys for Defendant AllianceOne, Inc. UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT. SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA '08 CV 0874 BTM POR SONIA FLORES. Plaintiff, NOTICE OF REMOVAL QF ACTION; DECLARATION OF HARRY NEERENBERG IN SUPPORT OF vs. REMOVAL ALLIANCEONE, INC., Does I through V, 28 U.S.C. § 1441(b) (DIVERSITY) Defendants.

TO THE CLERK OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT Defendant AllianceOne, Inc. ("Defendant") submits this Notice of Removal and, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441, hereby removes to this Court the state action described below:

1. On or about March 25, 2008, an action was commenced in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego, entitled Sonia Flores v. AllianceOne, Inc., and Does I through V, alleging termination in violation of public policy, breach of implied contract of continued employment, and breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

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A true and correct copy of the Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

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- 2. On or about March 27, 2008, counsel for Plaintiff Sonia Flores mailed copies of a Summons, the Complaint, a Civil Case Cover Sheet, and Alternative Dispute Resolution information to counsel for Defendant, along with a Notice and Acknowledgment of Receipt. On April 16, 2008, counsel for Defendant signed the Notice of Acknowledgement of Receipt, acknowledging receipt of the foregoing documents. True and correct copies of the signed Notice and Acknowledgment of Receipt and the documents Defendants acknowledged receiving are attached hereto as Exhibit 2.
- On May 15, 2008, Defendant filed an Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint in the 3. Superior Court of California, County of San Diego. A true and correct copy of Defendant's Answer is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.
- 4. This Notice of Removal is timely filed, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b), in that it is filed within thirty (30) days from April 16, 2008, the date upon which service of the Complaint upon Defendant was effective. City of Clarksdale v. BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., 428 F.3d 206, 210 (5th Cir. 2005) (holding that the date service becomes effective for purposes of calculating the 30-day period for removal is determined by state law); California Code Civ. Proc. §415.30(c) (service of summons by mail and notice and acknowledgment of receipt is deemed complete on the date the acknowledgement of receipt is signed). No previous Notice of Removal has been filed or made with this court for the relief sought herein.
- Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1441(b), any civil action over which the district courts of the United States have original jurisdiction may be removed from state to federal court.
- This Court has original jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §1332(a) due to diversity of citizenship and amount in controversy:
- (a) Complete diversity between the parties exists. Plaintiff Sonia Flores ("Plaintiff"), at the time this action was commenced, was and still is a citizen of the State of California. Defendant AllianceOne is, and was at the time of the institution of this civil action, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware. Declaration of Harry Neerenberg in Support of Removal ("Neerenberg Decl."), attached hereto as

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Exhibit 4, ¶ 3. Furthermore, Defendant AllianceOne has its principal place of business in the State of Pennsylvania. Neerenberg Decl. ¶¶4-8. AllianceOne was not and is not incorporated under the laws of the State of California, wherein this action was brought. AllianceOne's operations in Minnesota, Washington, and Pennsylvania each have more employees and more revenues than its operations in California. <u>Id.</u>, ¶¶6-7. AllianceOne also owns more property in each of the states of Minnesota, Washington, and Pennsylvania than it does in California. Id., ¶8. AllianceOne is therefore a citizen of Delaware and Pennsylvania, and not of California, for purposes of determining diversity jurisdiction. 28 U.S.C. § 1332(c)(1).

- The inclusion of "Doe" defendants in Plaintiff's state court complaint have no effect on removability. Newcombe v. Adolf Coors Co., 157 F.3d 686, 690-691 (9th Cir. 1998); 28 U.S.C. § 1441 (a) (stating that for purposes of removal, the citizenship of defendants sued under fictitious names shall be disregarded). In determining whether diversity of citizenship exists, only the named defendants are considered. Id.
- The amount in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000, exclusive of interests and costs. Plaintiff alleges in her Complaint that she was terminated in violation of public policy, and that as a result, she has suffered harm, including lost earnings and other employment benefits, humiliation, embarrassment, and mental anguish, all to her damage, in the sum of \$250,000.00 or in an amount to be established at trial. (Exhibit A, 4:21-25.) Plaintiff also alleges that Defendant breached a covenant of good faith and fair dealing, and that as a result, she has suffered and continues to suffer "losses and employment benefits," all to her damage in the sum of \$250,000.00 or in an amount to be established at trial. (Exhibit A, 7:5-9.)
- The Complaint and Answer attached to this Notice constitute all the process, pleadings, and orders filed in this action in San Diego County Superior Court and of which Defendant has knowledge to date.
 - 8. This district embraces the county in which the removed action has been pending.
- 9. Defendant will promptly serve Plaintiff with this Notice of Removal and will promptly file a copy of this Notice of Removal with the clerk of the state court in which the action is pending, as required under 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d).

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EXHIBIT 1

Lynn H. Ball, Esq. Bar No. 056497 1560 Scott Street San Diego, CA 92106 619-225-1914 3 619-225-1720 - fax Attorney for Plaintiff Sonia Flores 5 6 7 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 8 FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO 9 Central Branch - Civil Division 10 Case No. 37-2008-00080585-CU-WT-CTL SONIA FLORES, 11 COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES FOR Plaintiff, 12 TORTIOUS DISCHARGE IN VIOLATION OF PUBLIC POLICY 13 vs. BREACH OF CONTRACT; BREACH OF THE COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH ALLIANCEONE, INC., AND FAIR DEALING a corporation licensed to do business in California, 15 and Does I through V, (Amount Demanded Exceeds \$10,000.00) 16 Defendants. 17 18 Plaintiff alleges: 19 1. Defendant AllianceOne, Inc. is a corporation licensed to 20 do business in the State of California. Defendant AllianceOne is, 21 and at all times mentioned herein was, a corporation licensed to do 22 business in the State of California and was doing business in San 23 Diego County, California and specifically doing business in downtown San Diego, California. 25 Does I through V were at all times relevant herein 26 employees, agents and/or members of the Board of Directors of 27 Defendant AllianceOne, Inc. Plaintiff is ignorant of the true

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names and capacities of defendants sued as Does I through V inclusive, and therefore, sues these defendants by such fictitious Plaintiff will pray leave of this Court to amend this Complaint to allege the true names and capacities when ascertained.

3. Plaintiff is informed and believes and based thereon, alleges that each of the defendants herein was at all times, relevant to this action, the agent, employee, representing partner or joint venture of the remaining defendants and was acting within the course and scope of that relationship. Plaintiff is further informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that each of the defendants herein gave consent to, ratified, and authorized the acts alleged herein to each of the remaining defendants.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

Termination in Violation of Public Policy

- From January 4, 2000 until January 7th of 2008, plaintiff was employed by defendant as a collection agent; from January 4, 2000 until June of 2000, and then in June of 2000, as a supervisor in the downtown division of defendant's corporation. Defendant's corporation acts as a collection agent for municipalities in county governments for fines and other matters coming before the Court. From June, 2000 through January, 2008, plaintiff served as a supervisor in various departments for defendant corporation and in her final supervisory position, she was supervisor in charge of skip-tracing in the division headquarters in San Diego.
- Throughout plaintiff's employment, she suffered from sexual discrimination and on occasion, sexual harassment, from supervisors who managed her. Examples of sexual discrimination

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include males being promoted to managerial positions as opposed to The males had much less experience and less education females. than plaintiff, but were promoted over her in spite of plaintiff's superior qualifications. Male managers on occasion, would look at pornographic sites on the computers in violation of company policy and print out pornographic materials in violation of company policy. In some instances, these pornographic materials were shown around the office. Plaintiff complained about these male managers conducting themselves in such a fashion and part of the reason that defendant was terminated on January 8, 2008 was because of her Male managers played complaints about this type of behavior. favorites with young, attractive females. For example, very young and attractive females would flirt with the male managers and as a result, these young and attractive females were able to take much longer breaks than other employees, they were able to get special privileges from the male managers, and indeed, were assigned to more lucrative positions with the courts than other employees. Plaintiff is an older female worker in her thirties, and because she refused to flirt with the male managers, she was discriminated against with regard to promotion and was discriminated against with regard to her evaluations. When she complained about preferential treatment for young, attractive females who flirted with male managers, she was told that in essence, that she was not a "team player" and that if she wanted to get ahead in the company, she should not "piss people off". She was told by male managers to do what was good for the company and that she needed to go along

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- a result of plaintiff complaining about being discriminated against because of her sex and because of her complaints about male managers flirting with the young, attractive females and giving preferential treatment and complaining about males being given preference for managerial positions even though they were less qualified, Defendant AllianceOne, Inc. personnel moved to terminate plaintiff from her employment on January 8, 2008.
- The ostensible reason given for her termination was that she was being terminated because the division which she supervised was being disbanded and the work was being contracted out. fact, there were other jobs within the corporation which she could easily do which were available for her, but she was not offered those jobs and the reason that she was terminated from employment was because it was in retaliation for her complaints about sexual harassment and discrimination. Therefore, as a proximate result of plaintiff's conduct as described above, and in violation of public policy as has been previously set forth, plaintiff was terminated from her employment on January 8, 2008.
- 8. As a proximate result of defendant's conduct, plaintiff has suffered harm, including lost earnings and other employment benefits, humiliation, embarrassment, and mental anguish, all to her damage, in the sum of \$250,000.00 or in an amount to be established at trial.
- In doing the acts set forth above, defendants knew that they were violating plaintiff's rights and they knew that their conduct was in violation of public policy of the State of

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California, that being discrimination because of plaintiff's sex. This oppressive conduct was committed by Mark Lombardo, a managing agent of defendant corporation and therefore defendant's conduct warrants the assessment of punitive damages.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

Breach of Implied Contract of Continued Employment

- 10. Plaintiff repleads Paragraphs One Through Nine as though fully set forth herein.
- Plaintiff was employed by defendant for eight years, consistently received either good or excellent performance evaluations and merit raises, and was assured on numerous occasions that she would not be terminated arbitrarily. Specifically, she volunteered to travel to Arizona to manage the Arizona office and was told that her willingness to travel to Arizona and straighten out the Arizona office and live there temporarily for weeks at a time would not be forgotten and that it would be taken into account.
- Based on all representations and promises which were implied, plaintiff had an employment contract with defendant that she would be employed by defendant so long as her performance was satisfactory and that defendant would not discharge her without good and just cause.
- The terms of this implied employment contract included, but were not limited to, that defendant would not demote or discharge plaintiff without good cause and fair warning based on objective, reasonable job evaluations of plaintiff.

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14. Plaintiff at all times fulfilled her duties and conditions under the contract and had been ready, willing and able to continue performing them in a competent and satisfactory manner.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing

- 15. Plaintiff repleads Paragraphs One Through Fourteen of the First and Second Causes of Action as though fully set forth herein.
- 16. The implied employment agreement referred to above contained an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, which obligated defendants to perform the terms and conditions of the agreement fairly and in good faith and to refrain from doing any act that would prevent or impede plaintiff from performing any or all of the conditions of the contract that she agreed to perform or any act that would deprive plaintiff of the benefits of the contract.
- 17. Plaintiff was employed by defendant for eight years and reasonably relied upon the statements of her managers and supervisors that her good work would not be forgotten and that her willingness to relocate temporarily and to live in Arizona for weeks at a time would not be forgotten.
- 18. Plaintiff performed all of her duties conditions of the employment agreement.
- 19. Defendant knew that plaintiff had performed all of her duties and conditions under the contract.
- 20. Defendant breached the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing under the employment agreement by discharging plaintiff intentionally, maliciously, without probable cause and in

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bad faith and for reasons extraneous to the contract; specifically, in retaliation for her complaints about sexual discrimination in the company and her refusal to be a "team player" by refusing to ignore sexual discrimination and sexual harassment.

21. As a proximate result of the defendant's breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer losses and employment benefits, all to her damage in the amount of \$250,000.00 or in an amount to be established at trial. As a further proximate result of defendant's breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, plaintiff has incurred reasonable attorney's fees in attempting to secure the benefits owed her under the employment contract.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays judgment against defendants and each of them as follows:

- 1. For damages for breach of contract according to proof, including lost earnings and other employee benefits, past and future;
- 2. For compensatory damages according to proof, including lost earnings and other employee benefits, costs of seeking other employment, and damages for emotional distress, humiliation and mental anguish;
- 3. For interest on lost earnings and benefits at the current legal rate from January 8, 2008 until trial;
- 4. For punitive damages in an amount appropriate to punish defendant and others from engaging in similar misconduct:

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6. For costs of suit incurred by plaintiff and for such other and further relief as the court deems proper.

Date: March 13, 2008

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INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE COVER SHEET

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To Plaintiffs and Others Filing First Papers. If you are filing a first paper (for example, a complaint) in a civil case, you must complete and file, along with your first paper, the Civil Case Cover Sheet contained on page 1. This information will be used to compile statistics about the types and numbers of cases filed. You must complete items 1 through 6 on the sheet. In item 1, you must check one box for the case type that best describes the case. If the case fits both a general and a more specific type of case listed in item 1, check the more specific one. If the case has multiple causes of action, check the box that best indicates the primary cause of action. To assist you in completing the sheet, examples of the cases that belong under each case type in item 1 are provided below. A cover sheet must be filed only with your initial paper. Failure to file a cover sheet with the first paper filed in a civil case may subject a party, its counsel, or both to sanctions under rules 2.30 and 3.220 of the California Rules of Court.

To Parties in Rule 3.740 Collections Cases. A "collections case" under rule 3.740 is defined as an action for recovery of money owed in a sum stated to be certain that is not more than \$25,000, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, arising from a transaction in which property, services, or money was acquired on credit. A collections case does not include an action seeking the following: (1) tort damages, (2) punitive damages, (3) recovery of real property, (4) recovery of personal property, or (5) a prejudgment writ of attachment. The identification of a case as a rule 3.740 collections case on this form means that it will be exempt from the general time-for-service requirements and case management rules, unless a defendant files a responsive pleading. A rule 3.740 collections case will be subject to the requirements for service and obtaining a judgment in rule 3.740.

To Parties in Complex Cases. In complex cases only, parties must also use the Civil Case Cover Sheet to designate whether the case is complex. If a plaintiff believes the case is complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court, this must be indicated by completing the appropriate boxes in items 1 and 2. If a plaintiff designates a case as complex, the cover sheet must be served with the complaint on all parties to the action. A defendant may file and serve no later than the time of its first appearance a joinder in the plaintiff's designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that the case is complex.

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CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES

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Breach of Contract/Warranty (06)
Breach of Rental/Lease
Contract (not unlawful detainer
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Insurance Coverage (not provisionally
complex) (18)
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Other Coverage
Other Contract (37)

Contractual Fraud Other Contract Dispute Real Property Eminent Domain/Inverse

Condemnation (14)
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Other Real Property (e.g., quiet title) (25)
Writ of Possession of Real Property
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Unlawful Detainer
Commercial (31)

Residential (32)

Drugs (38) (if the case involves illegal drugs, check this item; otherwise, report as Commercial or Residential) Judicial Review

Asset Forfeiture (05)
Petition Re: Arbitration Award (11)

Writ of Mandate (02)
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Construction Defect (10)
Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)
Securities Litigation (28)
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(arising from provisionally complex case type listed above) (41) Enforcement of Judgment

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Abstract of Judgment (Out of County)
Confession of Judgment (non-

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Sister State Judgment
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Petition/Certification of Entry of
Judgment on Unpaid Taxes
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Miscellaneous Civil Complaint RICO (27)

Other Complaint (not specified above) (42)
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Election Contest

Petition for Name Change Petition for Relief From Late Claim Other Civil Petition

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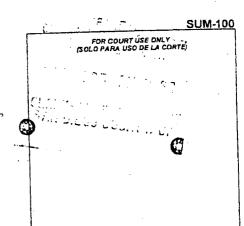
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YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

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You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law (ibrary, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

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Superior Court of the State of California, County of San Diego

330 W. Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101

CASE NUMBER: 37-2008-00080585-CU-WT-C

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): onn H. Ball, Esq., 1560 Scott Street, San Diego, CA 92106; (619) 225-1914 VA

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Lynn H. Ball, Esq. Bar No. 056497 1560 Scott Street 2 San Diego, CA 92106 619-225-1914 3 619-225-1720 - fax 4 Attorney for Plaintiff Sonia Flores 5 б 7 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 8 FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO 9 Central Branch - Civil Division 10 Case No. 37-2008-00080585-CU-WT-CTL SONIA FLORES, 11 COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES FOR Plaintiff, TORTIOUS DISCHARGE IN 12 VIOLATION OF PUBLIC POLICY BREACH OF CONTRACT; BREACH 13 vs. OF THE COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH ALLIANCEONE, INC., AND FAIR DEALING a corporation licensed to do business in California, 15 (Amount Demanded Exceeds \$10,000.00) and Does I through V, 16 Defendants. 17 18 Plaintiff alleges: 1. Defendant AllianceOne, Inc. is a corporation licensed to 19 do business in the State of California. Defendant AllianceOne is, 20 and at all times mentioned herein was, a corporation licensed to do 21 business in the State of California and was doing business in San 22 Diego County, California and specifically doing business in 23 24 downtown San Diego, California. 25 Does I through V were at all times relevant herein 26 employees, agents and/or members of the Board of Directors of 27 Defendant AllianceOne, Inc. Plaintiff is ignorant of the true 28

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. names and capacities of defendants sued as Does I through V inclusive, and therefore, sues these defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff will pray leave of this Court to amend this Complaint to allege the true names and capacities when ascertained.

3. Plaintiff is informed and believes and based thereon, alleges that each of the defendants herein was at all times, relevant to this action, the agent, employee, representing partner or joint venture of the remaining defendants and was acting within the course and scope of that relationship. Plaintiff is further informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that each of the defendants herein gave consent to, ratified, and authorized the acts alleged herein to each of the remaining defendants.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

Termination in Violation of Public Policy

- 4. From January 4, 2000 until January 7th of 2008, plaintiff was employed by defendant as a collection agent; from January 4, 2000 until June of 2000, and then in June of 2000, as a supervisor in the downtown division of defendant's corporation. Defendant's corporation acts as a collection agent for municipalities in county governments for fines and other matters coming before the Court. From June, 2000 through January, 2008, plaintiff served as a supervisor in various departments for defendant corporation and in her final supervisory position, she was supervisor in charge of skip-tracing in the division headquarters in San Diego.
- 5. Throughout plaintiff's employment, she suffered from sexual discrimination and on occasion, sexual harassment, from supervisors who managed her. Examples of sexual discrimination

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include males being promoted to managerial positions as opposed to The males had much less experience and less education females. than plaintiff, but were promoted over her in spite of plaintiff's superior qualifications. Male managers on occasion, would look at pornographic sites on the computers in violation of company policy and print out pornographic materials in violation of company policy. In some instances, these pornographic materials were shown around the office. Plaintiff complained about these male managers conducting themselves in such a fashion and part of the reason that defendant was terminated on January 8, 2008 was because of her Male managers played complaints about this type of behavior. favorites with young, attractive females. For example, very young and attractive females would flirt with the male managers and as a result, these young and attractive females were able to take much longer breaks than other employees, they were able to get special privileges from the male managers, and indeed, were assigned to more lucrative positions with the courts than other employees. Plaintiff is an older female worker in her thirties, and because she refused to flirt with the male managers, she was discriminated against with regard to promotion and was discriminated against with When she complained about regard to her evaluations. preferential treatment for young, attractive females who flirted with male managers, she was told that in essence, that she was not a "team player" and that if she wanted to get ahead in the company, she should not "piss people off". She was told by male managers to do what was good for the company and that she needed to go along with the program, in essence.

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- a result of plaintiff complaining about being discriminated against because of her sex and because of her complaints about male managers flirting with the young, attractive females and giving preferential treatment and complaining about males being given preference for managerial positions even though they were less qualified, Defendant AllianceOne, Inc. personnel moved to terminate plaintiff from her employment on January 8, 2008.
- 7. The ostensible reason given for her termination was that she was being terminated because the division which she supervised was being disbanded and the work was being contracted out. fact, there were other jobs within the corporation which she could easily do which were available for her, but she was not offered those jobs and the reason that she was terminated from employment was because it was in retaliation for her complaints about sexual harassment and discrimination. Therefore, as a proximate result of plaintiff's conduct as described above, and in violation of public policy as has been previously set forth, plaintiff was terminated from her employment on January 8, 2008.
- As a proximate result of defendant's conduct, plaintiff has suffered harm, including lost earnings and other employment benefits, humiliation, embarrassment, and mental anguish, all to her damage, in the sum of \$250,000.00 or in an amount to be established at trial.
- 9. In doing the acts set forth above, defendants knew that they were violating plaintiff's rights and they knew that their conduct was in violation of public policy of the State of

California, that being discrimination because of plaintiff's sex.

This oppressive conduct was committed by Mark Lombardo, a managing agent of defendant corporation and therefore defendant's conduct warrants the assessment of punitive damages.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

Breach of Implied Contract of Continued Employment

- 10. Plaintiff repleads Paragraphs One Through Nine as though fully set forth herein.
- 11. Plaintiff was employed by defendant for eight years, consistently received either good or excellent performance evaluations and merit raises, and was assured on numerous occasions that she would not be terminated arbitrarily. Specifically, she volunteered to travel to Arizona to manage the Arizona office and was told that her willingness to travel to Arizona and straighten out the Arizona office and live there temporarily for weeks at a time would not be forgotten and that it would be taken into account.
- 12. Based on all representations and promises which were implied, plaintiff had an employment contract with defendant that she would be employed by defendant so long as her performance was satisfactory and that defendant would not discharge her without good and just cause.
- 13. The terms of this implied employment contract included, but were not limited to, that defendant would not demote or discharge plaintiff without good cause and fair warning based on objective, reasonable job evaluations of plaintiff.

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14. Plaintiff at all times fulfilled her duties and conditions under the contract and had been ready, willing and able to continue performing them in a competent and satisfactory manner.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing

- 15. Plaintiff repleads Paragraphs One Through Fourteen of the First and Second Causes of Action as though fully set forth herein.
- 16. The implied employment agreement referred to above contained an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, which obligated defendants to perform the terms and conditions of the agreement fairly and in good faith and to refrain from doing any act that would prevent or impede plaintiff from performing any or all of the conditions of the contract that she agreed to perform or any act that would deprive plaintiff of the benefits of the contract.
- 17. Plaintiff was employed by defendant for eight years and reasonably relied upon the statements of her managers and supervisors that her good work would not be forgotten and that her willingness to relocate temporarily and to live in Arizona for weeks at a time would not be forgotten.
- 18. Plaintiff performed all of her duties conditions of the employment agreement.
- 19. Defendant knew that plaintiff had performed all of her duties and conditions under the contract.
- 20. Defendant breached the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing under the employment agreement by discharging plaintiff intentionally, maliciously, without probable cause and in

bad faith and for reasons extraneous to the contract; specifically, in retaliation for her complaints about sexual discrimination in the company and her refusal to be a "team player" by refusing to ignore sexual discrimination and sexual harassment.

21. As a proximate result of the defendant's breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer losses and employment benefits, all to her damage in the amount of \$250,000.00 or in an amount to be established at trial. As a further proximate result of defendant's breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, plaintiff has incurred reasonable attorney's fees in attempting to secure the benefits owed her under the employment contract.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays judgment against defendants and each of them as follows:

- For damages for breach of contract according to proof, including lost earnings and other employee benefits, past and future;
- 2. For compensatory damages according to proof, including lost earnings and other employee benefits, costs of seeking other employment, and damages for emotional distress, humiliation and mental anguish;
- 3. For interest on lost earnings and benefits at the current legal rate from January 8, 2008 until trial;
- 4. For punitive damages in an amount appropriate to punish defendant and others from engaging in similar misconduct;

5. For reasonable attorney's fees incurred by plaintiff in obtaining the benefits due her under the employment contract by defendant; 6. For costs of suit incurred by plaintiff and for such other and further relief as the court deems proper. Date: March 13, 2008

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I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the	State of California that all def	endants named in the complaint of
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Date: April 22, 2008

Lynn H. Ball

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NOTES:

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO FLORES V. ALLIANCEONE, INC. AND DOES I THROUGH V SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO CASE NO. 37-2008-000805585-CU-WT-CTL

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I, the undersigned, certify and declare that I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of eighteen years, employed in the County of San Diego, State of California, and not a party to this within action. My business address is 1560 Scott Street, San Diego, CA 92106.

On April 22, 2008, I served the foregoing documents described as CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE on all interested parties in this action by placing the true copies thereof enclosed in sealed envelopes addressed as follows:

Melinda S. Riechert, Esq. Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP Two Palo Alto Square 3000 El Camino Real, #700 Palo Alto, CA 94306 650-843-4000 - phone 650-843-4001 - fax

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STATE: I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing is true and correct.

EXECUTED on April 22, 2008, at San Diego, California.

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Defendant AllianceOne, Inc. ("Defendant") hereby answers and responds to Plaintiff Sonia Flores's ("Plaintiff") Complaint as follows:

GENERAL DENIAL TO THE ALLEGATIONS OF THE COMPLAINT

Pursuant to Section 431.30(d) of the Code of Civil Procedure, Defendant denies, generally and specifically, each, every, and all material allegations of the Complaint, each and every purported cause of action set forth therein, and the whole thereof; Defendant further denies that Plaintiff has been damaged in any sum or sums, or at all, or that Plaintiff has suffered, incurred, or will suffer or incur any injury, damage, or loss by reason of any act, omission to act, or any conduct, whether negligent, intentional, or otherwise, on the part of Defendant, and its agents or employees.

WHEREFORE, Defendant prays for judgment as hereinafter set forth:

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

As separate and independent affirmative defenses to each cause of action in Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendant alleges as follows:

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Failure To State A Claim)

1. Plaintiff is barred from recovery because the Complaint, and each and every cause of action contained therein, fails to state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action upon which relief may be granted.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Statute Of Limitations)

2. Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part by the applicable statutes of limitation, including, but not limited to, Code of Civil Procedure Sections 335.1, 337, and 339.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Waiver)

3. Plaintiff has waived each and every cause of action contained in her Complaint.

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FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Estoppel)

4. Plaintiff is estopped from maintaining her action, or recovering anything from Defendant, because of her own wrongful conduct.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Unclean Hands)

5. Plaintiff is barred from any recovery on any claim in this action because the injuries suffered by Plaintiff, if any, are the result of her own unclean hands or wrongful conduct.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Workers' Compensation Exclusivity)

6. Plaintiff's Complaint is barred, in whole or in part, by the exclusive remedy provisions of the California Workers' Compensation Act in Labor Code §3600 et seq.

SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Failure to Mitigate)

7. Plaintiff is barred from any recovery in this action because she has failed to act reasonably to mitigate her alleged damages, if any.

EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Constitutional Limit On Punitive Damages)

8. Plaintiff's claims for punitive damages are barred by the Contract Clause (Article I, Section 10, Clause 1), the Due Process Clause (Fifth Amendment, Fourteenth Amendment, Section 1), and the Excessive Fines Clause (Eight Amendment) of the United States Constitution and/or the corresponding provisions of the California Constitution.

NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Punitive Damages)

9. The Complaint fails to state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action upon which punitive damages may be sought pursuant to Civil Code §3294 or on any other basis.

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TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Motivating Factor)

10. To the extent that the alleged violation of public policy was a motivating factor in Plaintiff's alleged adverse employment actions (which Defendant denies), Defendant's legitimate reasons, standing alone, would have induced Defendant to make the same employment decisions.

ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Same Act Regardless of Motivation)

11. Defendant would have taken the same actions towards Plaintiff in the absence of any alleged impermissible motivating factor (the existence of which such factor Defendant denies).

TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Management Discretion)

12. Defendant's conduct was a just and proper exercise of managerial discretion, undertaken for fair and honest reasons, comporting with good faith under the circumstances then existing, and was privileged and justified.

THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Good Faith – Business Necessity)

13. All acts of Defendant affecting the terms and conditions of Plaintiff's employment were taken in good faith and motivated by non-retaliatory, non-discriminatory, and legitimate business reasons and/or a business necessity.

FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (At-Will Employment)

14. Plaintiff was, at all times during her employment, an at-will employee, terminable at the election of her employer, with or without cause. Labor Code §2922.

FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (After-Acquired Evidence)

of wrongdoing by Plaintiff, which wrongdoing would have materially affected the terms and Exhibit 3. Page 3.1.

conditions of Plaintiff's employment or would have resulted in Plaintiff either being demoted, disciplined, or terminated, such after-acquired evidence shall bar Plaintiff on liability or damages or shall reduce such claims as provided by law.

Defendant has not yet completed a thorough investigation and study or completed discovery of all facts and circumstances of the subject matter of the Complaint, and accordingly, reserves its right to amend, modify, revise, or supplement its Answer, and to plead such further defenses and take such further actions as it may deem proper and necessary in its defense upon the completion of said investigation and study.

WHEREFORE, Defendant prays:

- That Plaintiff take nothing by this action;
- 2. That judgment be entered for Defendant;
- That Defendant be awarded its costs; and
 - 4. That this Court order such other and further relief as it deems proper.

Dated: May 15, 2008

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Robert J. Hudock

Attorneys for Defendant

AllianceOne, Inc.

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PROOF OF SERVICE 1 I am a resident of the State of California and over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to the within action; my business address is 300 South Grand Avenue, 22nd Floor, Los 2 Angeles, California 90071. 3 On May 15, 2008, I served the within document(s): 4 DEFENDANT ALLIANCEONE, INC.'S ANSWER TO 5 PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT 6 by placing the document(s) listed above in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid, in the United States mail at Los Angeles, X 7 California addressed as set forth below. 8 Attorney for Plaintiff Lynn H. Ball 9 Sonia Flores 1560 Scott Street San Diego, CA 92106 10 I am readily familiar with the firm's practice of collection and processing correspondence for mailing. Under that practice it would be deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on that same 11 day with postage thereon fully prepaid in the ordinary course of business. I am aware that on motion of the party served, service is presumed invalid if postal cancellation date or postage 12 meter date is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing in affidavit. 13 Executed on May 15, 2008, at Los Angeles, California. 14 I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the above 15 is true and correct. 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

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property. I have personal knowledge of the matters to which I declare below, and, if called as a witness, could and would testify competently to these matters.

- AllianceOne provides global receivables management and business process solutions through specialized call centers for clients in the following markets: financial, credit card, health care, utility, telecommunications, retail, and government.
 - 3. AllianceOne is incorporated in the state of Delaware.
- 4. AllianceOne has call center facilities in the following states: Indiana, Minnesota, Washington, Ohio, Pennsylvania, California and Arizona. AllianceOne also has three (3) call centers in Canada and an off-shore branch in Jamaica.
- 5. The corporate headquarters of AllianceOne is located at 4850 East Street Road, Suite 300, Trevose, Pennsylvania. Company functions performed out of the corporate headquarters include finance and accounting, human resources, payroll, IT, and data security. Other corporate functions are performed out of Minnesota, including operations support, training and recruiting, compliance, and business analytics. Other corporate functions are performed in Washington and Utah, including legal. The Chief Executive Officer is located in Illinois. No corporate functions are performed in California.
- 6. As of December 31, 2007, AllianceOne employed 1979 full time equivalent employees. 129 full time equivalent employees were located in California. There were more employees in the following states: Minnesota, Washington, and Pennsylvania
- 7. In 2007, AllianceOne had total revenues of \$115,137,000. The California revenues were \$14,184,000. More revenues came from the following states: Minnesota, Washington, and Pennsylvania.
- 8. As of December 31, 2007, AllianceOne owned tangible property valued at a total of \$3,422,000. Tangible property in California was valued at \$269,435. The value of the property was higher in the following states: Minnesota, Washington, and Pennsylvania.

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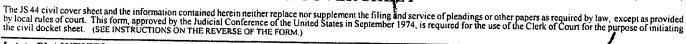
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this / day of May 2008 at Miami, Florida. б Harry Neerenberg MORGAN, LEWIS &
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